

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

17th November 2021

Report of the Head of Support Services and Transformation

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Bryn and Cwmavon, Sandfields West, Bryncoch North, Pontardawe, Sandfields East, Lower Brynamman, Gwynfi, Pelenna, Tonna, Margam, Cimla, Coedffranc West, Aberavon, Seven Sisters and Taibach.

Project Proposals made to the Members Community Fund

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to fund twenty project proposals that request financial support under the Members Community Fund.

Executive Summary

2. The Members Community Fund is to be used to address local needs and to support projects and initiatives that will contribute towards creating vibrant and sustainable communities.

3. The Project Development & Funding Unit (PDFU) within ELLL is charged with the governance of the Fund and will act as the Grant Management Organisation.

4. Bids can be made for projects that enhance existing Council services, assist voluntary sector provision or form part of a larger initiative that is in need of additional financial support.
5. Eligible projects will include those that enrich the environment, promote non - statutory education and learning, assist health & well-being, and promote culture and / or recreation in all its forms.
6. Project proposals seeking funding are to be formally submitted to the PDFU. Bids are checked for completeness, accuracy and deliverability and will be deemed 'fit for purpose' and ready for determination by Cabinet. Officers have considered the project proposals submitted by Members and these are deemed to comply with the Policy as endorsed by Cabinet on the 25th June 2020 and 30th June 2021.

Background

7. The 'Background' or 'Project Specifics' pertinent to each project are set out in the appendices to this report. The detail on the 'Project Specifics' will expand upon the Project Description, the Applicant, the need, the community benefit and how the project costs have been arrived at.
8. The Appendices included with this report, and subsequently the projects to be evaluated, are as follows:-
 - (a) Appendix A - An Application by Councillor Rhidian Mizen for a memorial to commemorate the musician and composer Afan Thomas. The funding will be used to manufacture and install a wooden plinth at Cwmavon Library. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,025.
 - (b) Appendix B – An Application by Councillors Robert Wood, Suzanne Paddison and Oliver Davies for supply and installation of five additional benches at the Aberavon Aqua Splash. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £3,604.65.
 - (c) Appendix C – An Application by Councillors Wyndham Griffiths, Chris Williams and Jo Hale for upgraded floodlighting at Bryncoch Sports Club. The funding will be used to replace the existing light

fittings with an energy efficient LED system. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £15,000.

(d) Appendix D – An Application by Councillor Anthony Richards for the provision of eight raised planters to assist with enforcing Coronavirus Regulations and vehicle mitigation in Pontardawe Town Centre. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £4,719.29.

(e) Appendix E – An Application by Councillors Edward Latham, Mathew Crowley and Sean Pursey for the complete refurbishment and conversion of the area currently laid out as four tennis courts within Vivian Park, Sandfields East. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £28,620.52.

(f) Appendix F – An Application by Councillor Arwyn Woolcock for Supply and Installation of a Defibrillator at Brynamman RFC. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,575.

(g) Appendix G – An Application by Councillor Jane Jones to assist the internal and external weather proofing and redecoration of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,602.

(h) Appendix H – An Application by Councillor Jeremy Hurley to acquire essential grounds maintenance equipment for Tonmawr RFC in Pelenna. Items to be purchased include two brush cutters, a leaf blower and a line marker. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,918.64.

(i) Appendix I – An Application by Councillor Jeremy Hurley to acquire essential training equipment for Tonmawr RFC Mini and Junior section. Items to be purchased include balls, cones, bibs, tags, tackle bags and coaching equipment. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,500.

(j) Appendix J – An Application by Councillor Leanne Jones to acquire demountable 'Portacabin' type changing facilities for Tonna RFC and AFC Seniors and Juniors. The funding will be used to provide additional changing space to affectively double the capacity of the existing. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £4,000.

(k) Appendix K – An Application by Councillor Arwyn Woolcock for Supply and Installation of a Defibrillator at Tairgwaith Workingmen’s Club and Institute. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,575.

(l) Appendix L – An Application by Councillor Rob Jones for improvements to the play area located at Ffordd Derwen, Coed Hirwaun, Margam. The funding will be used to correct the situation where currently the play area fails to be ‘dog proof’ (as the self-closing gates do not operate as such), and where shrinkage of the Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing has shrunk to create dangerous trip hazards. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £10,000.

(m) Appendix M – An Application by Councillor Arwyn Woolcock to purchase essential items of café and catering equipment for Amman Valley Trotting Club, Lower Brynamman. Items to be procured include an upright fridge, stainless steel preparation table, thermometers, chopping boards, highchairs and a baby changing unit. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £6,210.32.

(n) Appendix N – An Application by Councillors John Warman and Adam McGrath to establish a Forest School Club for vulnerable children at Crynallt Primary school. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £4,977.

(o) Appendix O – An Application by Councillor Helen Ceri Clarke for purchase of a defibrillator for BP Llandarcy Bowls Club, Coedffranc West. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,000.

(p) Appendix P – An Application by Councillor Stephanie Lynch for supply and installation of new playground apparatus at Bishop’s Mead play area in Cathedral Way, Aberavon. Items to be installed include a see-saw, two way springer and play panels. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £10,000.

(q) Appendix Q – An Application by Councillor John Warman to acquire essential training equipment for Cimla AFC Mini and Junior football teams and new kit for a new Under 11’s team. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £2,284.25.

(r) Appendix R – An Application by Councillor Stephen Hunt to supply and install two new ground trampolines to the existing play provision at Ynysdawley Playing Fields, Nant y Cafn, in Seven Sisters. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £8,000.

(s) Appendix S – An Application by Councillors Anthony Taylor and Rachel Taylor to augment and improve provision at Goytre Close play area, Taibach. Items to be installed include a see-saw and a trim trail. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £14,765.

(t) Appendix T – An Application by Councillor Anthony Richards for further development of a 'family-friendly' area in the courtyard of Pontardawe Heritage and Visitor Centre. Total request of the Members Community Fund is £1,729.70.

Financial Impact

9. All projects must be sustainable. Projects must have a robust exit strategy that places no additional revenue or financial burden on the Council. Maintenance responsibilities and the ongoing revenue commitment to keep a project functioning beyond the life of the Grant will have been rigorously investigated to determine as to whether there are any financial burdens on the Council.

Integrated Impact Assessment

10. A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010), the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well - being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in - depth assessment is not required as the summary concludes there are positive outcomes for the sustainable development principle, collaboration and involvement, with no impact on equalities or the Welsh language.

Valleys Communities Impacts

11. No implications

Workforce Impacts

12. No implications

Legal Impacts

13. The delivery of the Members Community Fund will come within the purview of the Local Government Act 2000 which contains well-being powers which enable every Local Authority to have the ability to do anything which it considers likely to promote an improvement to economic, social or environmental well-being in the area. Eligible projects will include those that enrich the environment, promote non - statutory education and learning, assist health & well-being, and promote culture and / or recreation in all its forms

Risk Management

14. There are no risk management issues associated with the reporting.

Consultation

15. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

16. It is recommended that, having due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment that members approve the following applications:

(a) An Application by Councillor Rhidian Mizen for a memorial to commemorate the musician and composer Afan Thomas as set out in Appendix A.

(b) An Application by Councillors Robert Wood, Suzanne Paddison and Oliver Davies for supply and installation of five additional benches at the Aberavon Aqua Splash, as set out in Appendix B.

(c) An Application by Councillors Wyndham Griffiths, Chris Williams and Jo Hale for upgraded floodlighting at Bryncoch Sports Club, as set out in Appendix C.

(d) An Application by Councillor Anthony Richards for the provision of eight raised planters for Pontardawe Town Centre, as set out in Appendix D.

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(h) An application by Councillor Jeremy Hurley to acquire essential grounds maintenance equipment for Tonmawr RFC in Pelenna, as set out in Appendix H.

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Reasons for Proposed Decision

17. To approve the Applications for funding that have been received under the Members Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision

18. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

List of Background Papers

19. None

Appendices

20. Appendix 1 – IIA First Assessment

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